Guide to the SM3 Caingang File

[The sample group used in this file are the Aweikoma and Botocudo. The four sources contained herein represent all of the available literature on this group. Some caution, however, should be exercised in using this file for cross-cultural research. The Aweikoma or Botocudo, unlike the other Caingang groups, are non-agricultural. The Aweikoma are a 'refuge group,' one whose way of life has been drastically altered within a short period of time, many cultural elements undoubtedly being lost or changed in the process. Another difficulty is that the literature, apart from the work of Jules Henry, is often vague as to the exact group being discussed. Thus, statements on this region may refer to the Aweikoma, the Caingang generally, or to a completely different culture which exists alongside a Caingang group.

1: Metraux and 4: Paula are short general summaries of the culture. 2: Henry gives a general description of the group, concentrating on their social life. 3: Henry is basically a study of the Caingang language. Although some material on the subject is included, this file is particularly weak regarding material culture.]

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